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[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/47/797/Add.2)]

47/234. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 693 (1991) of 20 May 1991, by which the Council established the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador, and Council resolution 729 (1992) of 14 January 1992, by which the Council decided to extend and enlarge the mandate of the Observer Mission, as well as the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 832 (1993) of 27 May 1993,

Recalling its resolution 46/240 of 22 May 1992, in which it decided, in principle, that the special accounts for the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador and the United Nations Observer Group in Central America should be merged,

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1/ A/47/751/Add.1.

2/ A/47/983.

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Noting the current status of the combined Special Account for the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador and the United Nations Observer Group in Central America,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Observer Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Observer Mission, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Observer Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Expressing concern about the financial situation with regard to the Observer Mission owing to overdue payment by Member States of their assessments, particularly Member States in arrears,

Also expressing concern about the delays in submission of budget documents until well into the financial period of the Observer Mission, which have contributed to the financing difficulties of the Mission,

1. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/ subject to the terms of the present resolution, and approves on an exceptional basis the special arrangements for the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador with regard to the application of article IV of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, whereby appropriations required in respect of obligations owed to Governments providing contingents and/or logistic support to the Observer Mission shall be retained beyond the period stipulated under financial regulations 4.3 and 4.4, as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Observer Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy, to improve management and to include in his report on this item to the General Assembly information on the steps taken in this regard;

3. Takes note of the outstanding assessments and the net operating deficit of the combined Special Account for the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador and the United Nations Observer Group in Central America;

4. Urges all Member States to expedite payments of their assessed contributions to the Special Account promptly and in full;

5. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account, in accordance with the recommendation contained in paragraph 40 of the report of the Advisory Committee, for the operation of the Observer Mission for the period from 1 June to 30 November 1993, an amount of 18 million United States dollars gross (16,324,000 dollars net);

6. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 18 million dollars gross (16,324,000 dollars net) for the above-mentioned period among Member States in accordance with the composition of the groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/267 of 21 June 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991 and 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, and taking into account the scale of assessments set out in Assembly resolution 46/221 A of 20 December 1991 and Assembly decision 47/456 of 23 December 1992;

7. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 6 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 1,676,000 dollars for the period from 1 June to 30 November 1993 approved for the Observer Mission;

8. Reiterates its decision in paragraph 9 of its resolution 47/223 of 16 March 1993;

9. Notes that, in the light of the termination of the mandate of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America as at 17 January 1992, the net estimated costs of the Observer Group will be revised to reflect a final recorded expenditure and that the financial obligations of Member States to the Group will be adjusted accordingly;

10. Decides that the remaining unencumbered balance of the Observer Group after the revision of the net estimated costs as mentioned above shall be first applied as credits to Member States against their assessed contributions for the current mandate period of the Observer Mission in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 9 of its resolution 47/223, on the understanding that:

(a) Those Member States whose payments to the Observer Group are lower than their adjusted obligations shall pay their remaining outstanding assessed contributions to the Group;

(b) Those Member States whose payments to the Observer Group exceed their adjusted obligations shall be credited in full with the difference;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the General Assembly with the recorded expenditure of the Observer Group in order to assist it in its decision on the adjustment of the financial obligations of Member States as noted in paragraph 9 above;

12. Decides that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 6 above, their respective share in the unutilized balance of 1,813,985 dollars in the Special Account for the period from 1 June to 30 November 1993;

13. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the operation of the Observer Mission at a rate not to exceed 3 million dollars gross (2,720,000 dollars net) per month for the period from 1 December 1993 to 31 March 1994, should the Security Council decide to continue the Mission beyond 30 November 1993, subject to obtaining the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee for the actual level of commitments to be entered into for the period beyond 30 November 1993, the said amount to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;

14. Requests the Advisory Committee to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on action taken with regard to paragraph 13 above;

15. Requests, in this regard, the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, no later than 8 February 1994, budget proposals, including revised estimates for the period the Security Council might have decided to continue the mandate of the Observer Mission beyond 30 November 1993;

16. Decides to establish the contributions of Andorra, the Czech Republic, Eritrea, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Monaco and Slovakia to the Observer Mission in accordance with the rates of assessment to be adopted by the General Assembly for these Member States at its forty-eighth session;

17. Invites the new Member States listed in paragraph 16 above to make advance payments against their assessed contributions, to be determined;

18. Invites voluntary contributions to the Observer Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991.

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ANNEX

Special arrangements with regard to the application of article IV of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations

1. At the end of the twelve-month period provided for in regulation 4.3, any unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question relating to goods supplied and services rendered by Governments for which claims have been received or which are covered by established reimbursement rates shall be transferred to accounts payable; such accounts payable shall remain recorded in the Special Account until payment is effected.

2. (a) Any other unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question owed to Governments for goods supplied and services rendered, as well as other obligations owed to Governments, for which required claims have not yet been received shall remain valid for an additional period of four years following the end of the twelve-month period provided for in regulation 4.3;

(b) Claims received during this four-year period shall be treated as provided under paragraph 1 of the present annex, if appropriate;

(c) At the end of the additional four-year period any unliquidated obligations shall be cancelled and the then remaining balance of any appropriations retained therefor shall be surrendered.

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[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/47/1014)]

47/235. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

The General Assembly,

Having considered Security Council resolution 808 (1993) of 22 February 1993, on the establishment of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991, and Council resolution 827 (1993) of 25 May 1993, by which the Council adopted the Statute of the International Tribunal,

Having also considered the note by the Secretariat on the financing of the International Tribunal 1/ and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Taking into account the views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee,

1. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

2. Reaffirms, in the context of Security Council resolution 827 (1993) and with respect to the financing of the International Tribunal, the role of the General Assembly as set out in Article 17 of the Charter of the United Nations, as the organ to consider and approve the budget of the Organization, as well as the apportionment of its expenses among Member States;

1/ A/47/1002.

2/ A/47/980.

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3. Expresses concern that advice given to the Security Council by the Secretariat on the nature of the financing of the International Tribunal did not respect the role of the General Assembly as set out in Article 17 of the Charter;

4. Requests the President of the General Assembly to bring to the attention of the President of the Security Council the contents of the present resolution;

5. Endorses the recommendation of the Advisory Committee to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not exceeding 500,000 United States dollars to provide for the immediate and urgent requirements of the International Tribunal for its initial activities;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to submit, during the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly and before 31 December 1993, detailed cost estimates for the International Tribunal, separate from the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, to be financed through assessed contributions and, pending a final decision on the manner of apportioning the expenses of the International Tribunal, to finance its activities through a separate account outside the regular budget;

7. Invites Member States and other interested parties to make voluntary contributions to the International Tribunal both in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General;

8. Decides to include in the draft agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991".

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/47/1015)]

47/236. Financing of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 186 (1964) of 4 March 1964, by which the Council established the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 839 (1993) of 11 June 1993,

Recognizing that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Force with effect from 16 June 1993, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

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1/ A/47/1001.

2/ A/47/1004.

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Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force by certain Governments,

Noting that voluntary contributions were insufficient to cover all of the costs of the operation, including those incurred by troop-contributing Governments prior to 16 June 1993, and regretting the absence of an adequate response to the various appeals for voluntary contributions, including the one contained in section IV of General Assembly resolution 47/218 A of 23 December 1992,

Appreciating the continued efforts of Governments providing troops to the Force,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its mandate,

1. Reaffirms, in the context of paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 831 (1993) of 27 May 1993, in which the Council addressed the issue of the financing of the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus, the role of the General Assembly, as set out in Article 17 of the Charter of the United Nations, as the organ to consider and approve the budget of the Organization, as well as the apportionment of its expenses among Member States;

2. Expresses concern that advice given to the Security Council by the Secretariat on the nature of the financing of the Force did not respect the role of the General Assembly as set out in Article 17 of the Charter;

3. Requests the President of the General Assembly to bring to the attention of the President of the Security Council the contents of the present resolution;

4. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

5. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action, in accordance, inter alia, with the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee, to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy, to improve management and to include in his report on this item to the General Assembly information on the steps taken in this regard;

6. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force promptly and in full;

7. Decides that the costs of the Force for the period beginning 16 June 1993 that are not covered by voluntary contributions should be treated as expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter;

8. Decides also to appropriate the amount of 8,771,000 United States dollars gross (8,443,000 dollars net) for the period from 16 June to 15 December 1993, and, accordingly, requests the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus in accordance with paragraph 29 of his report; 1/

9. Decides further, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 8,771,000 dollars gross (8,443,000 dollars net) for the above-mentioned period among Member States, in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991 and 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, and taking into account the scale of assessments set out in Assembly resolution 46/221 A of 20 December 1991 and Assembly decision 47/456 of 23 December 1992;

10. Decides that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 328,000 dollars for the period from 16 June to 15 December 1993 approved for the Force;

11. Decides to establish the contributions of Andorra, the Czech Republic, Eritrea, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Monaco and Slovakia to the Force in accordance with the rates of assessment to be adopted by the General Assembly for these Member States at its forty-eighth session;

12. Invites the new Member States listed in paragraph 11 above to make advance payments against their assessed contributions, to be determined;

13. Invites voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

14. Decides to maintain as separate the account established prior to 16 June 1993 for the Force, invites Member States to make voluntary contributions to that account, and, in this regard, requests the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts in appealing for voluntary contributions to this account;

15. Requests the Secretary-General, taking into account the voluntary nature of the financing of the Force prior to 16 June 1993, to report, no later than 31 January 1994, on the status of the account referred to in paragraph 14 above;

16. Decides to include in the draft agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus".

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[without reference to a Main Committee (A/47/1011)]

47/237. International Year of the Family

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions 44/82 of 8 December 1989, 45/133 of 14 December 1990 and 46/92 of 16 December 1991 concerning the International Year of the Family, as expressions of the determination of the peoples of the United Nations to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

Recalling that major United Nations instruments on human rights and social policy, as well as relevant global plans and programmes of action, call for the widest possible protection and assistance to be accorded to the family,

Convinced that equality between the sexes, women's equal participation in employment and shared parental responsibility are essential elements of modern family policy,

Conscious of the existence of various concepts of the family in different social, cultural and political systems,

Aware, at the same time, that families are the fullest reflection, at the grass-roots level, of the strengths and weaknesses of the social and developmental welfare environment, and as such offer a uniquely comprehensive and synthesizing approach to social issues,

Realizing that families, as basic units of social life, are major agents of sustainable development at all levels of society and that their contribution to that process is crucial for its success,

Stressing that the observance of the Year in 1994 will immediately precede the celebration by the family of nations of the historic fiftieth anniversary of the Charter of the United Nations,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General, submitted to the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-third session, on the state of preparations for the Year, 1/

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the state of preparations for the International Year of the Family; 1/

2. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for a well-coordinated and impressive effort in the preliminary and preparatory phases to the Year, despite resource constraints, and for the considerable progress made towards its observance;

3. Notes with satisfaction that the Year has gained increasing support at all levels and that the preparatory process has enhanced and strengthened the substantive orientation of the Year;

4. Commends all Governments, specialized agencies, regional commissions and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations which have undertaken special efforts to prepare for the observance of the Year;

5. Urges Governments, specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, especially those which have not yet done so, to intensify the efforts undertaken, including the identification of national coordinating mechanisms and elaboration of national programmes of action, in the preparations for and observance of the Year;

6. Welcomes the holding in 1993 of four regional and interregional preparatory meetings for the Year, organized by the secretariat for the Year in the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development of the Secretariat, in close cooperation with the regional commissions, and hosted by the Governments of China, Colombia, Malta and Tunisia;

7. Takes note with interest of the proposal by the Government of Slovakia that the Bratislava International Centre of Family Studies be affiliated with the United Nations; 2/

8. Also takes note with interest of the results of the Expert Group Meeting on the Social Consequences of Population Growth and Changing Social Conditions, with Particular Emphasis on the Family, 3/ co-sponsored by the Government of Germany and held at Vienna from 21 to 25 September 1992;

1/ E/CN.5/1993/3.

2/ Ibid., para. 30.

3/ See E/CN.5/1993/6.

9. Also welcomes the active involvement of non-governmental organizations in the preparatory process for the Year, including the major global initiative to convene a world non-governmental organization forum entitled "Launching the International Year of the Family, 1994: Strengthening Families for the Well-being of Individuals and Societies", to be held at Valletta from 28 November to 2 December 1993, and calls upon all those concerned to support the event in every possible manner;

10. Expresses its special gratitude to Governments and other donors, especially those in the private sector, which have generously responded to earlier appeals to contribute resources to the Voluntary Fund for the International Year of the Family;

11. Appeals to all Governments concerned and all other prospective donors to pledge their contributions to the Voluntary Fund, notably during the pledging segments of the regional and interregional preparatory meetings in 1993, with a view to releasing new funds for specific family-oriented projects, particularly in developing countries, during both the Year and the follow-up thereto;

12. Invites policy-making organs of specialized agencies and other bodies in the United Nations system to consider, in the context of their substantive mandates, the principles and objectives of the Year and follow-up action to the Year for the benefit of the families of the world;

13. Also invites organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations system to include in their programme budgets for 1994 and 1995, as appropriate, programme elements for the observance of and follow-up to the Year;

14. Decides to devote one of its plenary meetings at its forty-eighth session, in early December 1993, to launching the International Year of the Family;

15. Also decides that, beginning in 1994, 15 May of every year shall be observed as the International Day of Families;

16. Requests the Commission on Human Rights, the Population Commission and the Commission on the Status of Women to include in the agendas of their sessions in 1993 or 1994 consideration of the principles and objectives of the Year in the context of their major areas of concern, and to propose specific follow-up measures regarding human rights, population issues and the advancement of women as each affects or is affected by families, including family-oriented components of the World Conference on Human Rights, held at Vienna from 14 to 25 June 1993, the International Conference on Population and Development, to be held at Cairo from 5 to 13 September 1994, the World Summit for Social Development, to be held at Copenhagen on 11 and 12 March 1995, and the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace, to be held at Beijing from 4 to 15 September 1995;

17. Further decides to devote two plenary meetings at its forty-ninth session, in 1994, to the implementation of the follow-up to the Year, and to designate those meetings as an international conference on families, which should take place at an appropriate global policy-making level and in keeping with the procedures and practices of the General Assembly;

18. Appeals to Member States as well as to all other participants in the observance of the Year to highlight 1994 as a special event benefiting families of the world in their quest for a better life for all, based on the principle of subsidiarity, which seeks solutions to problems at the lowest level of the societal structure;

19. Calls for a concerted promotional and information campaign on behalf of the Year at the national, regional and international levels, with the strong participation of the mass media;

20. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To seek the views of member States of the Commission for Social Development on the desirability to work out a declaration on the role, responsibilities and rights of families on the occasion of the Year;

(b) To plan adequate resources, including staff, through redeployment in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, with a view to ensuring effective observance of and follow-up to the Year, commensurate with its important principles and objectives;

(c) To continue taking specific measures, through all the communication media at his disposal, particularly within the mandates of the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, to give widespread publicity to the preparations for and observance of the Year, and to increase the dissemination of information on the subject;

(d) To report on the observance of the Year at the national, regional and international levels, and to submit specific proposals on the follow-up to the Year, including a draft plan of action, if deemed appropriate, to the Assembly at its fiftieth session;

21. Decides to consider the question of the International Year of the Family at its fiftieth session, on the basis of a report of the Secretary-General under the item entitled "Social development".

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